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Firs Home Owners Association v. City of SeaTac

Erin Sitterley

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRCIT OF WASHINGTON
SEATTLE DIVISION

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FIRS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.) C19-1130RSL
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CITY OF SEATAC,)
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Defendants.)
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Videoconference Deposition Upon Oral Examination
of
ERIN SITTERLEY

9:30 AM

October 8, 2020

SeaTac, Washington
(All participants appeared via videoconference.)

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CSR 2629

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I think the
2 witness was still answering. The city manager works
3 for the council --

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. The city council -- the
5 city manager works for the council. The city manager
6 does not work for the mayor specifically.

7 BY MR. PLANT:

8 Q. All right. So do you understand your power
9 as mayor to be -- to include directing the city
10 manager to do things or take positions?

11 A. No. That is not my position at all.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. Only the council can do that.

14 Q. Let me ask you specifically, you were on the
15 council in 2016, is that correct?

16 A. Correct, yes.

17 Q. Did the city council ever direct the city
18 manager to take any action in relation to the Firs
19 Mobile Home Park?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Do you recall that the city council ever
22 discussed in any way the Firs Mobile Home Park?

23 A. No. We did not.

24 Q. Did you have any personal discussions with
25 any other city council members about the Firs Mobile

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1 Home Park?

2 A. No.

3 Q. I think there was also a question by
4 plaintiff's counsel, if you are aware of instances
5 where city staff did something against the wishes of
6 the city council. Do you recall that question?

7 A. I do.

8 Q. Okay. Are there occasions where city staff
9 is doing things that city council is not aware of?

10 A. Well, gosh, I would hope so, you know. The
11 city is a very complex machine. Hundreds of decisions
12 are made every single day that are not run past the
13 city council. We direct at a policy level. We do not
14 direct at an operations level.

15 So, if the City staff are doing their job,
16 then, yeah, lots of things are going on without the
17 city council's direct knowledge. But that's not our
18 job. Our job is to direct at policy level.

19 Q. Right. So I'm going to turn specifically to
20 the Firs Mobile Home Park issue here. So this was an
21 administrative land use application that was filed
22 with the city by the park owner, or the owner of the
23 park property. Is that your understanding?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So that would normally be processed

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7 I, Leslie M. Sherman, a Certified Shorthand

8 Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby

9 certify that the foregoing transcript of the

10 videoconference deposition of ERIN SITTERLEY,

11 having been duly sworn on October 8, 2020, is true and

12 accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and

13 ability.

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Leslie Sherman



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